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REMARKS

Claims 1-70 were pending in the present application. Claims 1, 30, 32, 61, 63, 65, 66, 67, 69, and 70 have been amended and claims 33-60 and 68, which were withdrawn from consideration, have been canceled in accordance with the restriction and election requirements of the Office Action. The claims were amended without prejudice to the subject matter defined thereby and Applicants' reserve the right to file a divisional or continuation application directed to the unelected subject matter. Claims 1-32, 61-67, 69 and 70 are now pending in the application.

Claims 1-32, 61-67, 69 and 70 were objected to for containing non-elected subject matter. According to the Office Action, the claims should be amended to exclude non-elected subject matter and within the scope of the elected invention. The claims have been amended according to the election as set forth in the Office Action. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn. Since the objection to the claims has been obviated and the remaining nonelected claims canceled, claims 1-32, 61-67, 69 and 70 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants appreciate acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 3, 2003. Applicants additionally request acknowledgement of Applicants' claim for priority found in the first paragraph of the application.

Further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited. If any questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number given below.

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